GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA` S ROLE IN REBUILDING IRAQ
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is playing any active role in rebuilding Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued to India as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a),(b) & (c) India have initiated various steps to contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq. An assistance of US $20 million was committed by India to the Iraqi people in response to UN Secretary General's appeal of April 2003. Government of India have also contributed an amount of US $ 10 million to the two Iraqi Trust Funds that are being coordinated by the UN and the World Bank for reconstruction of Iraq. India have offered assistance to Iraq in capacity building and development of its human resources by providing training in India to Iraqi officials and students in wide ranging areas. As part of its humanitarian assistance, Government of India have supplied milk powder to Iraqi children and there is also an ongoing assistance programme of providing fortified biscuits to Iraqi school children in cooperation with the UN World Food Programme.